



RUSSIAN FEDERATION: MINE BLAST IN KEMEROVO REGION

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In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 105,000 (USD 86,415 or EUR 64,760) was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation. This operation is expected to be implemented over 6 months, and will be completed by 25 September, 2007; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 25 December, 2007). Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

This operation is aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Background and current situation

On Monday, 19 March, a methane explosion occurred at the Ulyanovskaya mine in Novokuznetsk in the Kemerovo region of Western Siberia (Russian Federation). At the time of the blast, 203 people, including miners, the mine's senior management, and a British mining specialist, were in the mineshaft. The explosion occurred as the mine was preparing to launch an advanced mining safety system developed in the United Kingdom. The system signaled a sudden unexplained discharge of a large amount of methane at 2.30 p.m. local time. Smoke and water flooded the mineshaft as it caved in. An official investigation into the cause of the explosion is currently underway and expected to be completed by early April. 108 people were killed, 93 were saved by rescue workers, and two remain missing. In Russia, days of mourning were announced on 21-23 March in memory of the victims. 103 of the 108 victims had been identified and buried as of 26 March.

The Ulyanovskaya mine explosion is the deadliest mine accident in Western Siberia in over a decade and has generated a large response. The Kemerovo administration announced a collection of support for affected families immediately following the tragedy, while the operator of the mine, Yuzhkuzbassugol ("South Kuzbass Coal"), has pledged RUR 1,300,000 to 2,000,000 (CHF 60,752 to 93,477) to each affected family, depending on the number of members. The regional administrations of neighbouring Chita and Tomsk have offered aid to the victims' families in the form of money and housing.

620 rescue workers from Omsk, Yakutia, the Far Eastern region of Russia, Moscow (including psychologists from the ministry of emergencies), and miners from Kemerovo region itself took part in the operation. The governor of Kemerovo, Aman Tuleyev, is directing the rescue operation, and the minister of emergencies, Sergei Shoigu, flew to Novokuznetsk to coordinate the work. As of 26 March, 70 remaining rescue workers and 60 miners had temporarily halted rescue operations for two to three days in order to drain the mineshaft. The ministry of emergencies' team of psychologists provided psychological support to families of the victims in the immediate aftermath of the explosion and left on 23 March.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Russian Red Cross Kemerovo branch has already donated RUR 30,000 (CHF 1,402) to the Kemerovo administrations fund for the victims' families, but the affected communities are in need of more than financial support. The authorities have approached the Russian Red Cross with a request to provide psychological support for families of the victims of the Ulyanovskaya mine explosion. The National Society is assessing the needs of the affected families.

Goal: To minimize the psychological effects in the aftermath of the coalmine explosion by providing direct individualized psycho-social aid to affected individuals and families.

Within the framework of the planned operation, the Russian Red Cross will take the following actions:

- Provide psycho-social support at home to affected individuals and families for the first three weeks following the mine explosion,
- Provide psycho-social support at home during the recovery period to affected individuals and families for five months following the blast,
- Organize at least four teams of psychologists and nurses to accompany affected families as they deal with needs or obligations related to the tragedy (visits to cemeteries, hospitals, or government institutions distributing compensation),
- Organize a community center of psycho-social aid (analysis, support for Russian Red Cross staff and volunteers, work with support groups),
- Train instructors to teach the local population methods of psycho-social support and self-support in case of emergencies,
- Create at least two support groups of 40-65 members for those affected by the explosion,
- Release and distribute informational materials to the local population on overcoming stressful situations,
- Provide advocacy for affected individuals and families and help them resolve legal problems.

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The International Federation's Reference Centre for Psycho-social Support c/o Danish Red Cross has pledged its support to the Russian Red Cross in the realization of the aid operation.

The project will be implemented by the local branch of the Russian Red Cross and a team of specially trained RC psychologists and nurses (11 team members) from Northern Ossetia, who will spend 20 days in Kemerovo region.

The funds requested from DREF will be used to assist the 203 families and their relatives (about 1,000 people) in two settlements, Novokuznetsk and Osinniki, over a six-month period.

This planned response is the first attempt on behalf of the Russian Red Cross to utilize the learning from the Beslan Hostage Crisis on a wider scale, thereby demonstrating the niche for the Russian Red Cross in psycho-social support in response work generally. Therefore, this important humanitarian response will also be a significant contribution to defining a longer term role for the Russian Red Cross in response work.

Budget

Please see annex.

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Name of the Project: DREF- Russia Mine Blast
Project, Activity and Donor code: PRU036/A0101/MDRRU002
Operating Time-frame: 26-03-25.09.2007

| Code | Description | Quantity | Unit | Unite price | Total CHF |
|-----------|---|----------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| | SUPPLIES/Subtotal | | | | 990.00 |
| 5409 | First aid kit | 25.00 | UNIT | 18.00 | 450.00 |
| 5699 | Utensils for PSP centres | 2.00 | UNIT | 150.00 | 300.00 |
| 5705 | Hygiene supplies for PSS centres | 24.00 | UNIT | 10.00 | 240.00 |
| | CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | | | | 0.00 |
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| | TRANSPORT & STORAGE/Subtotal | | | | 3,900.00 |
| 5930 | Transport & vehicle - Fuel (for local PSP teams) | 6.00 | MONTH | 500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 5930 | Car' Maintenance | 6.00 | MONTH | 150.00 | 900.00 |
| | PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES | | | | 51,037.10 |
| 6602 | Project coordinator HQ | 6.00 | MONTH | 200.00 | 1200.00 |
| 6602 | Financial coodinator HQ | 6.00 | MONTH | 150.00 | 900.00 |
| 6602 | Local coordinator (1 person) | 6.00 | MONTH | 200.00 | 1200.00 |
| 6602 | PSP service workers (15 persons) | 5.00 | MONTH | 3750.00 | 18750.00 |
| 6602 | 26,2% tax from Salary NS staff | 6.00 | MONTH | 144.10 | 5777.10 |
| 6616 | Hotel accommodation , NS (monitoring) | 3.00 | UNIT | 120.00 | 360.00 |
| 6618 | Per diem , NS (monitoring) | 3.00 | UNIT | 50.00 | 150.00 |
| 6616 | Hotel accommodation , NS (N-Osetia teame) | 18.00 | DAY | 400.00 | 7,200.00 |
| 6618 | Per diem , NS (N-Osetia teame) | 20.00 | DAY | 270.00 | 5,400.00 |
| 6702 | IFRC PSS Consultant - contract fees | 6.00 | MONTH | 500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 6703 | IFRC PSS Consultant - per diem | 30.00 | DAY | 55.00 | 1,650.00 |
| 6704 | PSS Consultant - travel expenditures | 5.00 | UNIT | 690.00 | 3,450.00 |
| 6706 | PSS Consultant - accomodation | 25.00 | DAY | 80.00 | 2,000.00 |
| | WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS/Subtotal | | | | 23,719.00 |
| 6801 | PSS Traning (20 participants x 3days) | 1.00 | UNIT | 3500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 6801 | PSS Traning (15 participants x 2days) | 2.00 | UNIT | 2500.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 6801 | ToT PSS Traning (15 participants x 3days) | 1.00 | UNIT | 3000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 6801 | Round Tables and press-conference | 1.00 | UNIT | 9169.00 | 9,169.00 |
| 6801 | Meetings of self-support groups of affected community | 20.00 | UNIT | 90.00 | 1,800.00 |
| 6801 | Case study Meetings of PSS | 10.00 | UNIT | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| 6801 | Birn-out trainings for PSS workers | 15.00 | UNIT | 50.00 | 750.00 |
| | GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal | | | | 12,970.00 |
| 7001 | Local Travel (monitoring) | 3.00 | TIME | 690.00 | 2,070.00 |
| 7001 | Local Travel (10 PSPworkers from N-Osetia) | 10.00 | MAN | 920.00 | 9,200.00 |
| 7106 | Photos | 6.00 | MONTH | 50.00 | 300.00 |
| 7107 | Printing informational materials (leaflets, booklets) | 1000.00 | UNIT | 0.90 | 900.00 |
| 7131 | Publicity | 1.00 | UNIT | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES/Subtotal | | | | 1,632.00 |
| 7301 | Stationery, NS | 6.00 | MONTH | 60.00 | 360.00 |
| 7403 | Telephone HQ | 6.00 | MONTH | 80.00 | 480.00 |
| 7403 | Telephone branches | 6.00 | MONTH | 80.00 | 480.00 |
| 7408 | Internet | 6.00 | MONTH | 52.00 | 312.00 |
| | FIELD BUDGET/Subtotal | | | | 94,248.10 |
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| | Delegation Support Costs (4% of Field Budget) | | | 4% | 3,927.00 |
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| | SUBTOTAL PROJECT | | | | 98,175.10 |
| 5990-5998 | PROGRAMME SUPPORT BUDGET/Subtotal | | | 6.5% | 6,825.01 |
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| | GRAND TOTAL CHF: | | | | 105,000.11 |